Dear Howard, Re: missed shot-curbstone-FBI investigation 3/3/78

This morning, first thing, I got out the Gemberling report you appear to see other than I do. I repeat but a single sentence, no two and ask you to consider these alone:

"Additional investigation conducted concerning mark on south side of Main Street near triple underpass, which it is alleged was possibly cause by a bullet fired during assassination. No evidence of mark or nick now visible."

The date is 8/5/64, 105-82555. It is in Section 197, for ref.

As I read this, after Shaneyfelt gave it his special treatment, the only qualification Gemberling leaves is was it caused during the assassination.

No qualification on had there been a "mark," later referred to as "nick." (Contemporaneous description in papers also of "scar," with picture.

No equivocation on the disappearance:"No evidence of mark now visible."

Or there had been a mark and it is no longer there. Now how many ways could it have disappeared? And did the FBI know or not?

I've put in a lead to t e National Enquirer on this. (Their experts missed it in gping over that volume!) I proposed what I would have done during depositions in 226 if I'd had the means: we ask a concrete expert to examine the curbstone at the Archives and see if he can reach any conclusions. Becuse the presiding geniuses go for only the nutty I don't know if they've gone for the expert, but they have for the story and that will pay for many xeroxes if it goes through, so please keep this to yourself for now.

It looks like we are about to be snowed in again. The 5 a.m. news included the closing of local schools. If you hear or see acounts down there don't be concerned. We have a two-day supply of firewood, plenty of foofd and too much to keep us busy to be bored.

Yesterday I got rid of all the last snow I could, down to/paving in the tracks in the lane except where the ice was too thick. My only conce n is that there will be enough height between the tracks to block a car. But I doh't have to get out until Tuesday a.m., for a status call in 1996.

I think this has done me a fantastic amount of good, the bad weather and its elimination of my options. I've had to do more work that I'd have optedo given the medical directives. When I began chpping away at ice 15 minutes bushed me. After about am month of it I can spent an hour and a half and then stop not from fatigure but because my hands or feet get that cold - numb.

Boast: last night we both took off to look at Barney Miller, which we find often funny. I'll had seen a promising blurb-it turned out they aired a different show entirely. So I used that time to ream the bowls of a couple of pipes, with a good English Sheffied steel reamer. It was hard going but I was looking at the tube. Finally I looked to see what caused the difficulty. Lo! I had bent the steel, 3/16 or 1/8 inch thick that it is.

While I can't believe that I really have recovered that much of thestrength I once had it did make me feel good. Some of the manifestations of atherosclerosis have disappeared with it, like the dizziness on reclining, moving the head, really. Not disappeared but considerably diminished the hearing of the pulsing of the blood in the right ear. So I know that vigorous use of the arms is good medicine.

Before getting to other work, something you may find hard to believe-what is now in my 10x12 office. Made more changes yesterday; 8 4-drawer file cabinets, 4 2-drawer ones now and another to be; 3 two-drawer legal-sized ones, the copying machine and a full-sized desk, plus other odds and ends. I have the 4 two-drawer cabinets on 6 industrial casters, 4 not having been enough, and against the french doors leading to the porch. I'll be able to move them to open the door summertime. I have a stand with casters for another file cabinet, I'll try a 3-drawer I have, so I can move it around and use it as the one from which I work when I get to King writing. I've two drawers of copies in boxes, etc. There is just enough space between the facing 2-drawer sets for them to open and I'll to stand while making copies. I' in a paper squeeze! Best,